



We Serve

Signal Mountain Lions Club and Senior Services

Most citizens are aware of the Signal Mountain Lions Club, and the many service projects the Club provides the community. Even though we are not in the business of clandestine activities, very few people fully appreciate the breadth of these services.



One of our newer service projects is Senior Services; our effort to enrich the lives of our seasoned citizens, both on the mountain and in the Hamilton County community beyond the mountain. In addition to the Bingo work we do, we also have developed a “Speakers Bureau”, a service project that provides hour long programs to Retirement homes, Senior Centers and any other group interested in learning more about local history, significant activities in American History and biographical sketches of a variety of famous Americans.

Many of the programs were developed for the Military History Roundtable (whose story will come in some future Mirror article), but they have been expanded to adapt to a broader audience, and tailored to suit a group whose attention spans are slightly more fragile than some younger audiences. Thus far, we have presented our programs at four Retirement homes in Hamilton County, and are receptive to interested venues that serve seniors in the county.



What is currently in the repertoire of the Speakers bureau you might wonder? Last month we presented a Power Point program on the **TVA** and in January we did a program on the **Manhattan Project**. Our next subject is **The Great Depression**. We have programs of local interest, like the History of Railroads in Chattanooga and East TN, Andrews Raiders, The Dixie Highway, and the Chattanooga National Cemetery. Our presenters have developed programs on the story of the Alcan Highway, the Merchant Marine in WW-II, The history of Oil in the world economy and The United States Military Academy. We also have Biographies of Abraham Lincoln, Jefferson Davis, Ulysses Grant, Napoleon Bonaparte, and Robert E Lee. We also have programs on the famous Area 51 in Nevada, on Communism and the OSS and CIA. In addition, we have a wide variety

of Military History topics and are open to suggestions about topics we could research and prepare programs about.

These programs are designed to be interactive with small audiences, and seniors have asked many, challenging questions that keep us from becoming boring or bored. They are not the product of some mass-marketing network for adult education; they are the work of several members of the Lions Club, interested in enriching and entertaining a segment of our community who are not ready to vegetate in front of the TV set.

We offer these programs at no cost to the sponsoring organization and even bring our own screen and projector if needed. Our intention is to enrich the minds of seniors who are still interested in expanding what they know and enjoy about this marvelous country we live in. We have a rich history, and most people thoroughly enjoy learning more about it.



Although we have supporting speakers for specific programs, the primary presenters are Jerry Pala and George Davenport. Although we're both Engineers, we have a great affinity for history, particularly military history. Jerry came to Chattanooga more than 30 years ago and is one of the founders of the Military History RoundTable on Signal Mountain. I was born in East Ridge, left Chattanooga to go to school and work, and returned to the mountain a decade ago. I joined the roundtable and Lions Club soon after I

returned, and Jerry and I are the primary speakers for the Roundtable. If you want to know more about our programs, please call Jerry Pala at 886-5907, or George Davenport at 886-7173.